

# 2026 Excellence in the Arts Awards Application



## Three (3) \$1,500 Awards

One award in each category

**Art, Writing and Music**



## One (1) \$1,500 Audry Lynch Excellence in Writing Award

**The National League of American Pen Women  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BRANCH**

Applicants must be women of any age, in either high school (graduating in 2026), undergraduate college students or returning college students and must reside in Santa Clara County, California or immediate adjacent Bay Area counties.

*Please submit the following items to the appropriate addresses listed on the back of this page and all documentation.*

**Must be Received No Later Than Deadline: March 18, 2026**

Check Boxes When Completed

- ☐ 1. A personal letter from the applicant which describes her (A) interests, accomplishments, honors in the field of your choice of Art, Music, or Writing (B) scholastic achievements, honors, awards. Include in this letter (D) your educational goals (E) the college you plan to attend in the fall of 2026 and (F) your major.
- ☐ 2. Official, sealed high school and/or college transcripts (GPA of 2.5 or higher.)
- ☐ 3. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor or counselor who is working in the field for which you are applying.
- ☐ 4. Samples of your work. May be submitted (mailed, emailed or dropped off at the appropriate address at the bottom of the application) in the format of your choosing. Examples:
  - A. Art: May include but not limited to Fine Arts, Painting, Sculpture, Digital Art, Textile, Photography. May send as photos/digital/digital uploads of the originals of your artwork. Must provide a portfolio of a minimum of six (6) works of art.
  - B. Music: Composers, Arrangers, Instrumentalists, Vocalists, Performing Artists.
    - 1. Composers/Arrangers:
      - a. Samples of your work: three to five pieces of different styles.
      - b. Send "scores." Send them as copies or as PDFs.
      - c. Send audio on a thumb drive, MP3 audio link, YouTube.
    - 2. Instrumentalists, Vocalists, Performing Artists: Send audio on a thumb drive, YouTube, or MP3 audio link. Demonstrate different styles.
  - C. Writing/Letters: Short stories, poetry, prose, memoirs, journalism articles, pages from a manuscript or novel, etc. Must provide a minimum of five different samples of your written works.
- ☐ 5. The completed application form on the back of these instructions:

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY APPLICATION ON THE BACK**



## Application Form



### National League of American Pen Women 2026 Excellence in the Arts Awards Competition

**Must be Received No Later Than by Deadline: March 18, 2026**

**Please Print** and submit with the required items listed on the front of this application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School or College Attending Now: \_\_\_\_\_

High School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Major, Intended Major or Field of Study for the fall of 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University attending or are applying for in the fall of 2026 (You must list your choice of college/university of admittance or the one/s you are applying to in the fall 2026): \_\_\_\_\_

Category: (check one) Art: \_\_\_\_\_ Music: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit your portfolios to the Committee in your appropriate category listed below by MARCH 17th**

#### Art

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#### Writing

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Awards presented at Pen Women Presentation on Saturday, April 11, 2026  
Email: [ScholarshipNLAPW@aol.com](mailto:ScholarshipNLAPW@aol.com) -- [www.nlapwsantaclara.org](http://www.nlapwsantaclara.org)